



Early Childhood Career Video Series

In celebration of the 2023 Week of the Young Child, the Maine Department of Education's Early Learning Team developed a series of videos highlighting careers in the field of early childhood education. The videos include interviews with Mainers who support the learning and development of young children in a variety of ways connected to the Week of the Young Child daily themes. These videos are designed to provide a glimpse into the many roles in the field of early childhood education and to celebrate the important work in which these individuals are engaged. (Click on the blue link to access each video)

Music Monday

Tiare Messing, Music Together Instructor, Midcoast Music Academy in Rockport Maine
Caitlin Geishaker, Elementary Music Teacher, MSAD 11 serving Gardiner, West Gardiner, Pittston & Randolph
Eva Tartaglia & Barbara Paschke, Portland Symphony Orchestra's PSO Explorers & Discovery Concerts
Sarah Welch, Speech and Language Therapist, Southern Maine Children's Collaborative in Biddeford

Tasty Tuesday

Susen Polk-Hoffses, Pre-K Teacher & School Garden Supporter, Milbridge Elementary School Caroline Trinder, Nutrition Manager, RSU 23 in Old Orchard Beach David Boger, Chef, RSU 23 in Old Orchard Beach David Poulin, Nutrition Coordinator, Educare in Waterville

Work Together Wednesday

Justine Vaillancourt, Early childhood Career & Technical Education Teacher, Fort Kent
Brittany Arbo, Grant Coordinator Katahdin Public Schools & Founder of Katahdin Children & Families Organization
Christine Salois, Head Start Director, Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation
Ben Lothrop, Principal, Limestone Community School

Artsy Thursday

Nancy Frohlich, Leaps of Imagination in Rockport
Missy Willey, Pre-K Teacher, Gorham Art alliance
Sandy Fortin, Healthy Eating-Active Living Coordinator, Healthy Maine Acadia

Family Friday

Meg Swanson, DHHS Office of Child and Family Supports
Joni James, Executive Director Western Maine Play Museum, Wilton
Maria Richardson, Children's Librarian, Kennebunk Free Library
Grace Emery Frye, TuCasa Family Child Care in Raymond